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News worth sharing.



► Dartmouth East MLA Andrew Younger flexes his muscles as he poses for a photo with CYBER, an anti-cyberbullying robot with the Truro Police Service, at Province House on Thursday. Story, page 3.

Bot walks cyber-bullying beat

Chamber may lose 3 seats

► UARB will make decision on number of HRM districts after June 20 public hearing

Could the magic number of HRM councillors be 20?

The consultant hired by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board thinks so.

In a 40-page report, consultant Robert Williams said a 20-member council, as proposed by the governance and district boundary review committee, would do a good job.

The board asked council in August to review boundaries to make sure the population variance among districts at the time of the 2012 election is within 10 per cent.

Council voted down suggestions of 16, 18 and 20. They approved the status quo of 23.

"The workload for each of 20 councillors will not be significantly larger than the workload for each of the 23 councillors," the report

"Many opportunities exist to enhance community engagement ... with a 20-member council."

ROBERT WILLIAMS' REPORT

reads. "Moving from 23 to 20 councillors does not mean the complete loss of localized identities but can help to place greater emphasis on the larger regional identity."

Mayor Peter Kelly said 20 was a number that came very close to being passed at council.

"The public has an appetite for a smaller council, and that has shown through the surveys, and I've been saying as well we need to have a smaller council," Kelly said.

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Robo-cop combats cyberbullying

► CYBER is only prevention program of its kind ► Truro police receives requests daily for CYBER to visit schools



► Const. Jon Keddy from the Truro Police Service and CYBER the robot take an anti-cyberbullying oath at Province House Thursday.

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Delivering fist pumps, a robo-cop invaded Province House on Thursday.

CYBER is Truro Police Service's superhero when it comes to cyberbullying. CYBER was invited to the legislature to give the same show to MLAs he gives to school children about cyberbullying and posting information online.

"We want them to see how it works, see the energy and we want them to see the way it engages the children," Const. Todd Taylor told reporters.

CYBER was created in 2009 in response to a Facebook incident when someone using a false identification posted threats.

"CYBER is a superhero and children respond to him because in the age of Iron Man and Transformers it provides them a role model," Taylor said.

The program targets kids from kindergarten to Grade 6.

"The best way to address these behaviours is to get to the children when they're still receptive to the message and that's before they start using the technology," he said.

Education Minister Ramona Jennex announced Wednesday the creation of a task force to come up with recommendations to combat cyberbullying.

Jennex said the Truro

"I think you can agree that kids really dig this."

CONST. TODD TAYLOR TO MLAS

police's CYBER team will be a part of the task force to share its research and experiences.

"This is one of those pieces that we can use in the recommendations coming forward," she said. "This is something that's in action right now and I'm thrilled at what they're doing."

Police issue warning following recent drug incidents

Halifax police are issuing a warning about the dangers of street drugs following several recent incidents involving people being hospitalized.

Police say they are investigating "at least a couple of incidents" involving young adults having to be hospitalized after taking "MDMA" otherwise known as ecstasy.

Although the victims aren't known to each other, police say the incidents stem from a bad batch of MDMA circulating within HRM.

"What we want is for people to take more precaution before using these drugs," said Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmer.

"People need to know these aren't safe for anyone to take," he said

Police weren't releasing any specific information on the whereabouts of these cases, but said synthetic drugs such as ecstasy are being made in unprofessional laboratories by people who have no training or background in chemistry or science.

● LAURA WARREN

Drug dangers

► Police say drugs such as ecstasy can have a severe impact on a person's health.

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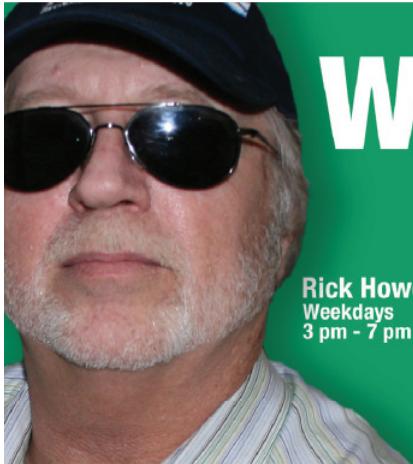
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News in brief



► Maureen MacDonald

Changes in job description

PHARMACISTS. The province is moving to increase the job description of pharmacists' assistants to unburden pharmacists of some technical aspects of their job.

Proposed changes to the Pharmacy Act introduced by Health Minister Maureen MacDonald will create a new designation, pharmacist's technician, to do some of the technical work in pharmacies.

According to MacDon-

ald, the move will free up pharmacists to focus on advising patients and ensuring medication is safely and appropriately handled.

The Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists is currently working on a year-and-a-half-long program for pharmacist technicians. To receive accreditation, technicians will have to meet national requirements, including education and practical experience. ■ **ALEX BOUTILIER**

Election sign in wrong place: Tory candidate

BILLBOARD. Nova Scotia Conservative candidate Tory Gerald Keddy says his team of campaign workers was wrong to place a re-election sign on top of a taxpayer-funded billboard promoting the federal government's Economic Action Plan.

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Premier announces tax breaks for families

► **Dexter:** Initiatives 'single biggest investment' for families in a decade



ALEX BOUTILIER
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Premier Darrell Dexter revealed \$11-million in tax breaks for low-income families on Thursday.

The initiatives, teased in Finance Minister Graham Steele's budget address on Tuesday, include a 22 per cent increase in per child benefits, an increase of \$50 per child per month for foster parents, and indexing the affordable living and poverty reduction tax credits.

"Raising strong, healthy children is key to Nova Scotia's social and economic future," Dexter said to a

"It's recognition that the job that we do is valuable"

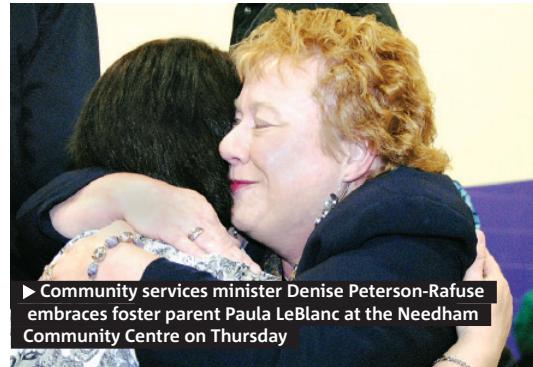
FOSTER MOTHER PAULA LEBLANC

small group gathered at the Needham Centre.

Dexter acknowledged the measures may seem modest to anti-poverty advocates.

"There is always, of course, more that a government could do," Dexter told reporters.

"We recognize that there has to be a balance in life. We have to, of course, ensure we can meet the financial commitments of the province, but families have



► Community services minister Denise Peterson-Rafuse embraces foster parent Paula LeBlanc at the Needham Community Centre on Thursday

to be able to meet their financial commitments as well."

The measures also include an increase in the amount of money for those on income assistance can earn, including people with disabilities.

Currently, those on income assistance retain 30 per cent of their earnings. The new measures allow those on income assistance to earn 30 per cent plus the first \$150. Those with disabilities can earn \$300 on top of 30 per cent.

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Tall ships. Sailing



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Hanging around the harbour

Capt. Jason Bolt re-rigs the Tall Ship Silva Thursday on the Halifax waterfront during a sunny afternoon. The ship starts its sailing season April 29.

School shortfall

► NSCC to receive \$126M from provincial government, same as last year ► College looking at several options

Matt Cunningham is a full-time student at Nova Scotia Community College who works a part-time job on the side. So, any increase in tuition would affect him, he says.

"I really don't have a lot of money to throw around. All my money is going to school right now," he said Thursday outside the Leeds Street campus in north-end Halifax.

The college is facing a \$5.7-million shortfall this year and is considering some tuition increase and expense reductions, said

3 Saint Mary's University announced last week it will increase tuition by three per cent for 2011-12.

Michelle Lane, NSCC's vice-president of advancement.

She said the shortfall is due to the challenge of covering the cost of wage increases and the cost of living, which includes items like buildings, oil, electricity and supplies.

Lane said they will take the next several weeks to determine how to best ad-

dress the shortfall.

"And do so in ways that allow us to meet our strategic priorities, minimize the impact on student learning and minimize the impact on the employees," she said.

The cost of tuition for regular programs at NSCC is \$2,700 and has not changed for two years.

Cunningham wants to keep it that way.

"More money in a student's pocket is better than less, you know what I mean?"

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After 4 days, cops call off missing man search

The search has been called off for a Halifax man missing in the Crystal Crescent Beach area.

Peter (Pete) White, 46, has been missing since Sunday when he went for a bike ride and did not return.

Police say their investigation into the disappearance of White is continuing as a missing person case. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to contact



► Peter (Pete) White

police.

White's bicycle was found Monday by a family member in the Crystal Crescent beach parking lot

and police were called.

"We would like to extend our appreciation to those people who gave up their time to assist in the search," said a Halifax Regional Police news release issued Thursday night.

The search began Monday afternoon, with more than 350 people involved trying to locate White. That number included search-and-rescue volunteers from around the Maritimes. ● METRO

Tom Young to sign off July 29

Maritime talk radio legend Tom Young has announced he is retiring this summer.

Young, the host of Afternoon News on Rogers Media, will broadcast his last show July 29. Young is heard locally on News95.7

in Halifax. A search for Young's replacement will begin immediately.

Young's first radio gig was while stationed in West Germany, serving with the Canadian Forces in 1961. Upon returning,

he worked in several radio markets in Ontario before landing in Saint John in 1973. Young started with Rogers when the news talk radio station was announced for the Maritimes in 2005. ● METRO

Bill Clinton will speak at St. F.X.

Former U.S. president Bill Clinton is returning to Nova Scotia.

Clinton will be at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish May 11 to give the keynote speech during a ceremony to officially open the Frank McKenna Centre for Leadership.

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The Trews slated for July 1 show

The Trews will headline this year's Canada Day concert at Alderney Landing.

Joining the Antigonish rockers will be The Stanfields and Vancouver's Hey Ocean!

Last year, Joel Plaskett headlined the outdoor show.

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Woman dies after hit by car

An elderly woman is dead after she was hit by a car in the Annapolis County Wednesday night. Police say the 72-year-old woman was pronounced dead at the scene. She was walking along Highway 1 in Upper Clements at the time of the accident. The woman's name has not been released. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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OUTSTANDING WARRANT

Police officer attacked with bat

A Truro police officer needed nine staples to close a gash in his head after being struck by a baseball bat Wednesday night.

The officer was one of three who were assaulted

at 34 Pattillo Ave. while trying to arrest a man wanted on an outstanding warrant.

"We very easily could have had a dead police officer last night," Chief David MacNeil said, "or the suspect could have been dead too."

Paul Jonathon Mitchell, 48, of 34 Pattillo Ave., appeared Thursday in Truro provincial court charged with aggravated assault on a police officer from Wednesday's alleged incident.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Tenant startles burglar

A 32-year-old man is facing several charges following an alleged break and enter this week in Halifax.

Halifax Regional Police say a tenant awoke inside an apartment on Brunswick Street early

Wednesday morning to find a person inside stealing items. When the victim confronted the person, police allege he was pushed and the person fled.

Police say Tristan Allan Creamer was arrested on Wednesday afternoon and is now facing four counts on break and enter, including from three other alleged incidents.

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Mayors' memo to feds

**► Leaders want candidates to talk funding for municipalities**

Hey federal leaders: don't forget about municipalities during your election campaign.

That was the unanimous message 30 Atlantic mayors sent Thursday to the federal leaders campaigning for the election May 2.

Several federal funding programs for municipalities are drying up, Brock Carlton, CEO of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, told the Atlantic Mayors' Congress in Halifax on Thursday.

The Building Canada Fund, a police officer recruitment fund, and two funds for housing are all near or coming to completion without any reassurance of commitments.

While the NDP has touched on policing and the Liberals have approached housing, none of

Infrastructure

► Mayor Peter Kelly said new standards for water quality and sewers are expected to cost the HRM \$1 billion in the next 30 years.

the parties have provided a commitment on overall support for municipal governments, Carlton said.

Mayor Peter Kelly said these infrastructure funds are needed for water, sewer and road systems as well as "exhilarators" like convention centres and stadiums.

"We need the leaders, parties and candidates to start talking about this ... If it's not debated or discussed it falls off the table ... and we all pay that consequence," Kelly said.

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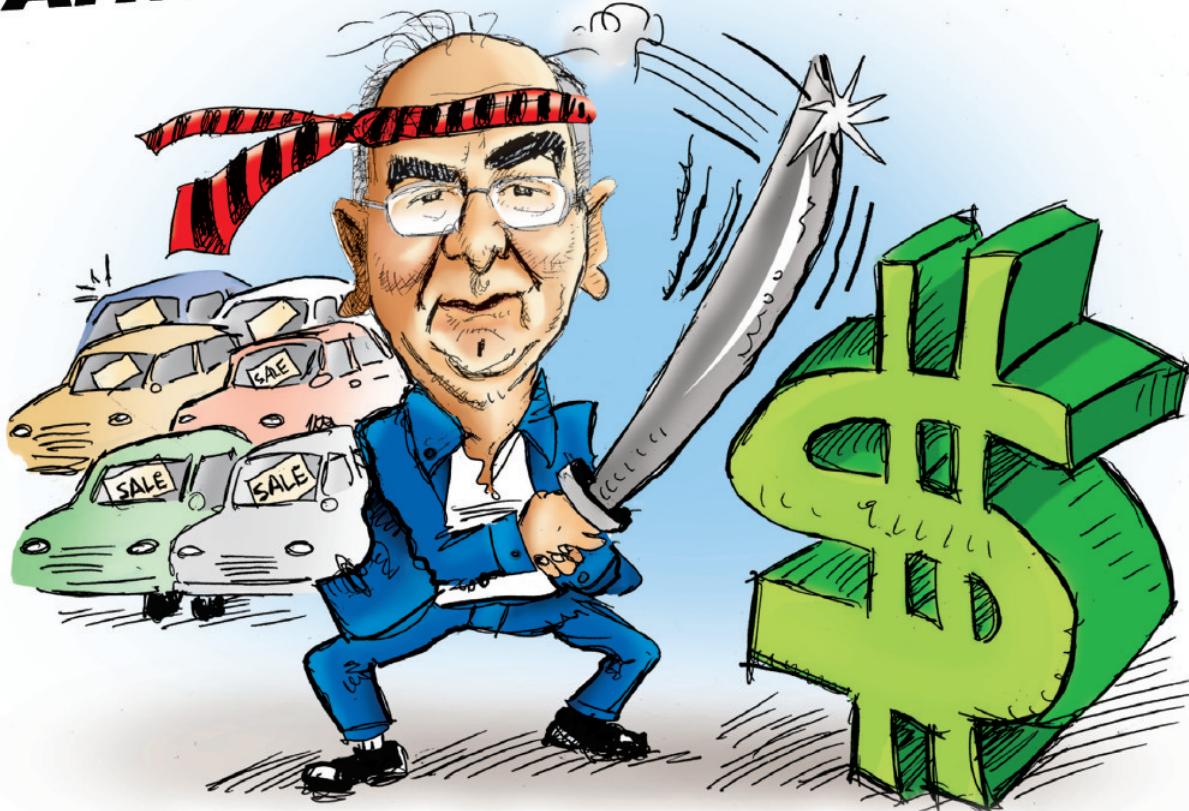


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MAY'S DEBATE EXCLUSION DOES DISERVICE TO VOTERS

By FRED RINNE, QMI AGENCY, April 1, 2011

"It is a common sense proposition that anyone who received a million votes has a right to be heard... To exclude [May] is to invite yet another examination of why we as a society delegate to television networks the right to decide issues like this."

Elly Alboim, Associate Professor of Journalism and former Parliamentary Bureau Chief for CBC TV News

"The Green Party, led by Elizabeth May, is the one political party clearly committed to averting the catastrophic consequences of our continuing to treat the Earth as mere dirt beneath our feet, so it is imperative that she be allowed to debate."

Farley Mowat

Let May In

Ottawa Citizen, March 30, 2011

"Democracy demands that the media simply relay Parties' positions without attempting to control the message. Excluding the leader of a party that garnered 1 out of every 15 votes in the 2008 federal election is just plain wrong"

-Cal Millar, President of Channel Zero.

"Let Elizabeth May in the debate. She's the vinegar that brightens up the vegetables."

Rick Mercer, via Twitter

"The decision by the broadcast consortium to exclude Green Party Leader Elizabeth May from the 2011 leaders' debate is mystifying... The broadcast consortium should first apologize to May and reverse its decision."

Vancouver Sun Editorial, 30 Mar 2011

"It is time for the people of this country to stand up and let the media and the politicians know that an election is a time for people's voices to be heard and Elizabeth May speaks for a lot of people in this country."

Judy Rebick, Sam Gindin Chair in Social Justice and Democracy at Ryerson University

"It's bad enough that the Greens got nearly a million votes last election yet got no seats. It's insane that they can't even get on TV. This is UTTERLY outrageous."

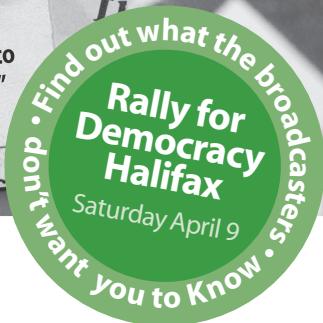
-Andrew Coyne, national editor of Maclean's magazine, via twitter.



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What are the Bigwigs so afraid of?

The broadcast consortium has excluded Green Party Leader Elizabeth May from the 2011 leaders' debate. Demand democracy! Text "EMayIn" to 79999*. Demand an equal voice. Go to www.greenparty.ca for Rally details!



Harper says sorry in furor over screening

► After days of uproar, PM strives to put Tory campaign back on track
 ► RCMP admits it ejected voters



Stephen Harper has finally said sorry.

The prime minister apologized Thursday for people being booted from Conservative campaign events on suspicion they supported rival parties or groups.

"If anybody is kept out of any of our events that's there to hear our message, then we obviously apologize to them," he said in Vaughan, Ont.

"Our interest is in having as many people out to hear our message as we can."

Halifax out

► Conservative Leader Stephen Harper said Thursday a media report suggesting the navy is reorganizing and it could mean Pacific command posts moving to Halifax wouldn't happen if he is re-elected.
 ► "I will not allow this move," he said in a statement.

The RCMP has admitted some Mounties helped the Tories eject people, and it reminded its officers their job is to guard leaders, not serve political parties.

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► Don't count on her vote, Mr. Harper: A young girl cries as she's placed on the lap of the prime minister in Vaughan, Ont., on Thursday.

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Iggy blasts Alberta candidate – but won't boot him

Comments on sexual assault by a former judge running for the Liberals in Alberta are "utterly, totally unacceptable," Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said Thursday.

But Ignatieff won't de-

mand that John Reilly quit his candidacy, saying one "disgraceful" remark does not undo a lifetime of public service.

Reilly told a radio interviewer that a young man's inappropriate sexual con-

tact with a drunken teenage girl did not warrant three years in jail.

Reilly raised the rather graphic example as he explained his opposition to the Harper government's expansion of mandatory

minimum sentences.

He apologized for the comments after the Conservatives circulated them to campaign reporters.

"I unreservedly apologize for the clumsy example I used during my

remarks," Reilly said.

He added: "I want to make explicitly clear that I believe that all sexual assaults should be prosecuted and the guilty individuals should be subject to sanctions."

Julian Fantino, a Conservative candidate and former Ontario police commissioner, said: "Sexual offences of any kind are totally and absolutely unacceptable."

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Libyan rebels rage

► Deaths blamed on NATO friendly fire ► At least five fighters killed

An apparent NATO airstrike slammed into a rebel combat convoy Thursday, killing at least five fighters and sharply boosting anger among anti-government forces after the second bungled mission in a week blamed on the military alliance.

The attack — outside the strategic oil port of Brega — brought fresh questions about co-ordination between NATO and the patchwork of rebel militias in a conflict described by a senior U.S. commander as a stalemate that could eventually require the Pentagon to reassert more power, and possibly even send in ground forces. The fighters

Strike aircraft

The U.S. general who led the Libyan mission before NATO's takeover said Washington still provides some strike aircraft to NATO including powerful side-firing AC-130 gunship.

► Army Gen. Carter Ham even predicted the Pentagon may be forced one day to consider ground forces in Libya if the battle lines remain indefinitely stalled.

are criticizing the alliance for doing too little to help them.

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Israel retaliates after attack

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► Defence officials say incident marks significant moment that warrants a severe response

An anti-tank missile fired from the Gaza Strip struck a school bus in southern Israel Thursday, wounding two people, one of them critically, and prompting fierce Israeli retaliation that killed five Palestinians.

Israel unleashed air strikes and tank fire against Hamas targets across the border. It was the heaviest assault on the coastal territory since a broad military offensive two years ago. Besides the dead, more than 30 Palestinians were wounded, said Palestinian health official Adham Abu Salmiya.

He said one of the dead was a 50-year-old civilian who was sitting outside his home when he was struck by tank fire. Three others

Fragile peace

► **Outbreak** The sudden outbreak of violence illustrated the fragile situation along the Israel-Gaza border, where small bouts of fighting can quickly escalate into heavy-scale warfare.

were militants killed near the southern Gaza town of Rafah. The fifth man was a Hamas policeman.

After two years of relative calm, tensions have been rising between Israel and Palestinian militants in Gaza over the past few weeks. For Israel, Thursday's attack was the most serious of this period.

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Strong aftershock rattles Japan

► Power outages reported in tsunami-ravaged northeast ► Cars drove around normally

A magnitude-7.4 aftershock rattled Japan Thursday, knocking out power across a large swath of the northern part of the country nearly a month after the devastating earthquake and tsunami that flattened the northeastern coast.

Japan's meteorological agency issued a tsunami warning but cancelled it about 90 minutes later. Officials said power was out in all of three northern prefectures (states) and in parts of two others.

There were no immediate reports of serious injuries or damage. The aftershock was the strongest since the March 11 megaquake and tsunami.

Shake-up

Buildings as far away as Tokyo shook for a minute.

- The quake struck at 11:32 p.m. local time. Moments beforehand, residents in the western Tokyo suburb of Fuchu were warned on a neighbourhood public address system of an imminent quake.
- In Ichinoseki, inland from Japan's eastern coast, buildings shook violently, knocking items from shelves and toppling furniture, but there was no heavy damage.

mi that killed some 25,000 people, tore apart hundreds of thousands of homes and caused an ongoing crisis at a nuclear power plant.

The operator of the tsunami-ravaged Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant said there was no immediate sign of new problems caused by the aftershock, and Japan's nuclear safety agency says workers there retreated to a quake-resistant shelter in the complex. None were injured.

The quake knocked out several power lines at the Onagawa nuclear power plant north of Sendai, which has been shut down since the tsunami.

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Defender doubts jury's objectivity in kidnapping trial

► Court surprised by non guilty pleas ► Man charged with kidnapping, forcible confinement and rape

An expected guilty plea by a convicted sex offender accused of kidnapping and raping a girl when she was 11 and holding her captive for 18 years was derailed Thursday when his lawyer alleged a grand jury was improperly selected and acted inappropriately.

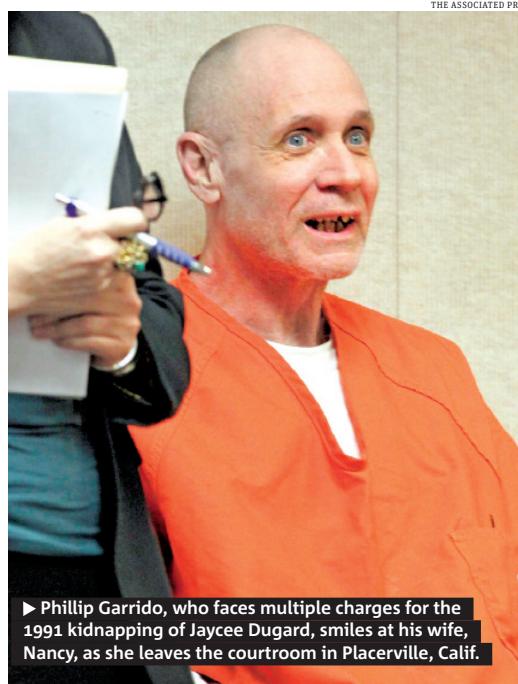
Public defender Susan Gellman, who represents defendant Phillip Garrido, made the claim during a brief hearing where Garrido and his wife and co-defendant, Nancy Garrido, entered not guilty pleas to



kidnapping, rape and other charges contained in an amended indictment.

Victim Jaycee Dugard was snatched off her family's street in June 1991 while walking to a school bus stop. Authorities said she and her two children, who were fathered by Garrido, were kept in a hidden backyard compound of tents and sheds, never attending school or receiving medical attention. They finally resurfaced in August 2009 when authorities said Phillip Garrido took them to a meeting with his parole officer.

Gellman did not elaborate on her claim in the



► Phillip Garrido, who faces multiple charges for the 1991 kidnapping of Jaycee Dugard, smiles at his wife, Nancy, as she leaves the courtroom in Placerville, Calif.

courtroom Thursday but said outside that she had questions about the racial and geographic makeup of the grand jury that initially indicted the Garri-

do's last September.

"The court will now consider whether the grand jury acted appropriately," the judge said.

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75-year-old cuts Internet to whole country

An elderly Georgian woman, who allegedly shut off Internet service in her country and neighbouring Armenia while scavenging for copper cable, is facing charges that could lead to three years in prison.

Authorities say 75-year-old Aiyastan Shakaryan severed a fibre optics cable on March 28, shutting off the information highway in much of Georgia and all of Armenia for several hours. The cable ran parallel to a railroad track in eastern Georgia where she was allegedly scavenging.

Georgian Interior Ministry spokesman Zurab Gvenetadze said Thursday she has been charged with property destruction, which carries a sentence of up to three years, but she will likely get a lighter sentence because of her age.

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Prince Harry's return delayed

► Royal gets an extra day of trekking through Arctic after cracks in the ice force the airport runway to close

Palace officials say the 26-year-old royal will be on the first available flight back to Britain because he has to resume his military service.

The palace said Thursday that Harry would spend the unexpected extra day continuing his trek with wounded servicemen

who are heading toward the North Pole.

The group seeks to raise two million pounds (\$3.2 million) for the Walking

With the Wounded charity, which aims to raise funds to assist with the re-training and reskilling of wounded servicemen and

women when they leave the Forces.

The temporary airport is built on an ice floe in the Arctic and is subject to

many weather-related shutdowns. Officials say the runway should be repaired within 24 or 48 hours.

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Giant TV screens to show royal wedding

No invitation to the royal wedding? Get ready to celebrate at a free London street party instead.

Prince William and Kate Middleton's nuptials will be broadcast live on giant screens set up in central London, complete with food and drink stands and a Ferris wheel to add to a celebratory atmosphere, officials said.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for London to show the world how we relish our traditions and that we know how to throw a party," Mayor Boris Johnson said Thursday.

Tens of thousands of well-wishers are expected to flock to London for the April 29 wedding, although most will not be able to get a good view as access to the procession route and the ceremony will be limited.

The giant screens will be set up in Trafalgar Square and Hyde Park, showing a bird's eye view of the procession and the ceremony inside Westminster Abbey. A temporary Ferris wheel will also go up at Hyde Park to offer views over the parks.

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the 1902 State Landau, a carriage, and travel to Buckingham Palace.

► 1:25 p.m. BST (9:25 a.m. AT): The newlyweds and their families make their appearance on the palace balcony.

► 1:30 p.m. BST (9:30 a.m. AT): The royals watch a flypast before returning inside for the queen's reception.

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Church offers royal prayer

FAITHFUL. The Church of England has published a prayer before the royal wedding asking God's help for Prince William and his fiancée Kate Middleton to be faithful.

The prayer published Thursday seeks God's help so that the couple can live in lifelong faithfulness to each other.

The new prayer seeks God's help to strengthen the couple's will and deepen their love for one another.

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News in brief

Wedding day plan in place

SCHEDULE. Royal officials released an estimated schedule Thursday for the April 29 royal wedding of Prince William and fiancee Kate Middleton.

► 8:30 a.m. BST (4:30 a.m. AT): Guests begin arriving at London's Westminster Abbey.

► After 10 a.m. BST (6 a.m. AT): The royal family begin to take their places at the Abbey, with Queen Elizabeth II and her husband the last to arrive. Prince William heads to the Abbey joined by his best man, Prince Harry.

► 11 a.m. BST (7 a.m. AT): The bride arrives at the Abbey; the ceremony begins.

► 12:15 p.m. BST (8:15 a.m. AT): William and his new wife emerge from the Abbey and depart in



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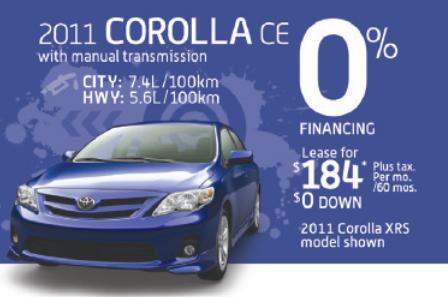
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CARNAGE AT RIO

► Gunman kills 12 children ► 'I'm going to kill you all' he shouts ► Students seen soaked in blood

A gunman roamed the halls of an elementary school in Rio de Janeiro Thursday and killed 12 children.

He lined them up against a wall and shot them in the head at point-blank range as he shouted, "I'm going to kill you all!"

The carnage would have been deadlier if the gunman had not been shot in the legs by a police officer — who said the man then fell down some stairs and shot himself in the head.

Images taken with a cellphone and posted on YouTube showed students fleeing wildly, screaming for help, many with their

"He saw me and aimed a gun at me. I shot him in the legs, he fell down the stairs and then shot himself in the head."

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white-and-blue school shirts soaked in blood.

Jade Ramos, a student at the school, said the gunman repeatedly yelled, "I'm going to kill you all!"

"He had already killed a lot of children in the first floor and in the yard," she said on TV.

"He kept telling the kids to face the wall and

was shooting at their heads. The children kept begging, 'No, please!' There was a lot of blood, children agonizing on the stairs."

"He came in shooting," said Andreia Machado, recounting what her 13-year-old daughter, Thayane, told her before going into surgery.

Thayane was hit by three bullets and lost feeling in her legs because one hit her spine, said her mother.

Crying as she spoke, Machado wondered if her daughter would ever be able to return to school — or walk. "We have to trust in God."

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► A woman who fainted is carried away Thursday after a massacre at an elementary school in the Realengo neighbourhood of Rio de Janeiro.

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Killer leaves grim letter at scene

The gunman, identified as Wellington Oliveira, 23, left a rambling letter indicating he wanted to kill himself. It said he was infected with the AIDS virus, an official said.

It explained in detail how Oliveira wanted his corpse to be cared for — bathed and wrapped in a white sheet that he left in a bag in the first room where he said he would start shooting.

The letter also said he should not be touched by anyone who is "impure" unless they wear gloves.

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Greens would raise corporate taxes, legalize pot

► Leader May calls party the 'voice of reason' ► Party platform says legal marijuana would raise \$2.5 billion

A Green government would bring the "voice of reason" to Ottawa, leader Elizabeth May said yesterday as she unveiled an election platform that promises to overhaul Parliament, jack up corporate taxes and legalize marijuana.

The fully costed platform includes an additional \$3.8 billion in spending, financed by a spike in corporate taxes and an end to subsidies for nuclear and fossil fuels — moves worth \$6.5 billion per year.

"Our goal is to be that voice of conscience, that voice of reason," May said.



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during a news conference in Toronto — her first sojourn outside B.C. since the start of the election campaign.

"Failure to address signif-

icant threats to our future is irresponsible," she said. "We will come up with significant solutions and our voices ... will make a difference."

The party is focused on three major themes, May said — a "smart economy," "strong communities" and "true democracy."

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And you know this how?

Since the days of Bill Clinton, it's been a tried-and-true campaign question: "Have you ever tried marijuana?"

NDP Leader Jack Layton wasn't asked that question yesterday, but he very nearly answered it.

"I think it's an important issue to debate," Layton said when he was asked whether marijuana should be legalized in Canada.

"Marijuana has changed a lot since my youth, I can tell you that."

A murmur went through the assembled media, but Layton caught himself almost right away. "Uh, so I'm informed," he quickly sputtered.

But doth the NDP leader protest too much?

"I'm told it's a heck of a lot stronger," he continued.

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Steering clear of the environment

You know the environment is in trouble if even the Green party election platform doesn't put its greenhouse-gas emissions plan front and centre.

A carbon tax underpins the Green party's policies, to be sure. But in keeping with the tone of the election campaign, the emphasis on what Canada needs to do to cut emissions takes a back seat to job creation and "families."

"It's really about focusing on some of the other things the Green party stands for," spokesman Kieran Green said after the party released its platform yesterday.

Ditto for the three main parties.

"The environment is certainly one of the Conservative government's priorities," said Environment Minister Peter Kent,

running for re-election in the Toronto area.

"But the largest, the overshadowing priority of the folks that I meet at the doors in Thornhill (Ont.) is the economic recovery."

The Liberals have steered clear of anything that resembles former leader Stéphane Dion's "green shift," which would have imposed a carbon tax.

Instead, they are proposing a cap-and-trade scheme to be implemented at some point. The move would eventually mean a reduction of greenhouse gases to 80 per cent below 1990 levels by 2050.

And almost two weeks into the campaign, the NDP has not yet released the key elements of its environment platform.

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Home ownership, interrupted

► RBC poll finds young adults are putting off buying a home for at least a year ► They cite worries about down payment, high prices, mortgages

As home prices continue to outpace income growth, many young Canadians have decided to postpone home ownership, the Royal Bank of Canada says.

RBC's annual home-ownership poll found that 55 per cent of Canadians aged 18 to 34 say it makes sense to put off a home purchase until next year. That's 10 percentage points more than the national average for all ages.

Meanwhile, about half of young people who have already bought a home say their mortgage is eating up too much of their income, suggesting their peers may

have good reason to wait.

First-time buyers account for a huge portion of all Canadian housing sales, making the demographic influential in determining the health of the housing market.

These buyers are most affected by stricter lending

rules and by changes enacted last month that shortened the maximum amortization period for a mortgage to 30 years, increasing the size of monthly payments.

Still, 43 per cent of young adults say they intend to buy in the next two

years, suggesting the housing market will continue to be healthy.

"It makes sense that younger homebuyers are waiting to assess all of their options and do their research before buying a home," RBC's Bernice Dunsby said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

HOME PRICES OUTPACE INCOME

The national average house price soared 8.8 per cent year over year to a record \$365,192 in February. But income levels haven't grown at the same

rate. A Bank of Montreal report last month found average resale home prices compared with personal incomes are 14 per cent above the long-term trend.

That makes it more difficult to afford a home, as mortgage payments eat into a larger portion of Canadians' paycheques.

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Tories vow to double tax-free savings max

► But not until 2015-16 ► Liberals liken the campaign bait to 'promising beer out of rainwater'

The Conservative government has promised to double — to \$10,000 — the maximum annual contribution to Tax Free Savings Accounts after the deficit is eliminated in several years. TFSAs allow people to save money, including investment dividends, without being taxed.

The time horizon on that promise is so distant, however — the budget is not scheduled to be balanced until fiscal year 2015-16 — that the Liberals

likened it to promising beer out of rainwater.

It has other drawbacks as well. It will be of little use to those Canadians unable to save more than \$5,000 per year, while having a permanent multibillion-dollar impact on federal finances.

The accounts have proven to be a popular savings vehicle, with more than 4.7 million Canadians having built up about \$18 billion in savings since 2008, when they were introduced. The accounts en-

able individuals to contribute up to \$5,000 a year and grow their savings without having to pay taxes, even when the funds are withdrawn.

But a study conducted last fall said many Canadians remain confused about how the program works.

The Conservatives estimate the cost to the government in lost tax revenue from doubling the limit will be \$30 million in the first year.

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► Japan Airlines passenger jets line the tarmac at Haneda airport in Tokyo. JAL has asked employees to take unpaid leave due to plummeting demand for air travel.

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Trying to stay above ground

Japan Airlines' 12,000 workers have been asked to take unpaid leave in the coming months due to a plunge in demand for air travel. JAL said foreign travel demand dropped after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami damaged a coastal nuclear power plant, which has been leaking radiation into the air, vegetables, tap water and now the Pacific Ocean. To cope with falling demand, JAL will cut 74 international flights this month, or about five per cent of JAL's total international flights in April.

Market moment

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas
-94.88 (14,107.77)	+0.21¢ (104.33¢ US)	+\$1.47 US (\$110.30 US)	\$4.057 US (-8.9¢ US)
			Gold contracts \$1,459.30 US (+80¢ US)

Loonie inches up amid Euro rate hike

The Canadian dollar closed slightly higher on Thursday as the European Central Bank raised rates and oil prices moved above \$110 US a barrel.

The loonie was off early highs, closing up 0.21 of a cent at 104.33 cents US. The currency had earlier run as high as \$104.49 US, its highest level since November 2007.

The European Central

Bank raised its key interest rate by a quarter point to deal with inflation even as several eurozone countries struggle with ailing economies and a debt crisis. The refinancing rate was lifted to 1.25 per cent from a record low of one per cent, where it had been since May 2009, only a day after Portugal asked for a bailout.

"Core inflation has stabilized and the pressure is on headline inflation," said Scotia Capital chief currency strategist Camilla Sutton. The ECB's aim is to maintain headline at or below two per cent, she said.

Meanwhile, in spite of the ECB rate hike, the Bank of England said on Thursday that it was keeping its key rate unchanged. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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PM'S PHOBIA TO BIEBER'S RIGHT FOOT

1 Stephen Harper's Facebook phobia. Something about kicking those two kids out of Conservative rallies for posing with Michael Ignatieff on Facebook sends chills down our spines. Apology: Too little, too late. If the backlash keeps up look for the prime minister to roll out the piano and torture another Beatles song. Hint: A Little Help From My Friends is easier to sing than Imagine. If Ringo Starr can sing it, anyone can.

2 American Idol: For anyone wondering if this is the best season yet, Wednesday night's show, featuring killer performances from all nine survivors, should seal the deal. Any one of the nine could have blown away last year's winner, er, what's his name. Idol is back. Even Randy Jackson ("Yo, dawg") looks and sounds better this year. Of course, anyone who turns up in the same shot as Jennifer Lopez looks better.

3 Record price for gold and silver. Precious metals got more precious. An ounce of gold now costs \$1,457.69 and an ounce of silver costs \$39.73. The price of an ounce of common sense: Still priceless. That big crunching noise is the sound of Canadians having their gold fillings removed in order to make the down payment on their mortgages.

4 It's the Masters this week and everybody is wondering if Tiger has any game left. There's obviously enough for the 22-year-old daughter of his agent at IMG. Is it my imagination or is his new girlfriend Alyse Lahti Johnston virtually indistinguishable from Elin Nordegren, the woman who finally put Tiger's career in the rough after all her husband's bad lies? Tiger has come a long way from the kid who blew away the competition at his first Masters as a pro back in 1997 when he set a course record for the tournament and beat everyone else by 12 strokes. A long way ... down.

5 Nuclear tsunami nerves. Afterquakes, fallout, new tsunami warnings, oh my. Chicken Little doesn't know where to look. On schedule for 2012: End of the world.

Also-rans:

6 Kirstie Alley falls down, but gets back up again. Dancing With The Mars Bars ...

7 Why are we in ... Libya?

8 Silvio Berlusconi: Can you say train wreck in Italian? (treno relitto?)

9 Snow in Calgary: The final flick of Winter's Tail.

10 Bieber watch: His voice breaks in Antwerp and some idiot buys his shoe for \$1,400, and that's only the right foot.

Worth mentioning

WASHINGTON.

Astronomers are puzzling over an extraordinary cosmic blast in a distant galaxy. The gamma-ray explosion was observed March 28 by NASA's Swift satellite. Flaring from such an event usually lasts a couple of hours.

Scientists say this blast is unusual because the effects are long-lasting.

More than a week later, they continue to see high-energy radiation spiking and fading at the source.

The burst was likely caused by a star that was ripped apart after drifting too close to a supermassive black hole.

Since the explosion, the Hubble Space Telescope and Chandra X-ray Observatory have focused on the aftermath.

Hubble will observe if the galaxy's core changes brightness in the coming days.

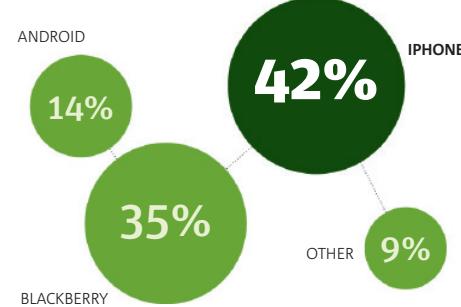
The galaxy is 3.8 billion light years from Earth. A light year is about six trillion miles (9.6 trillion kilometres).

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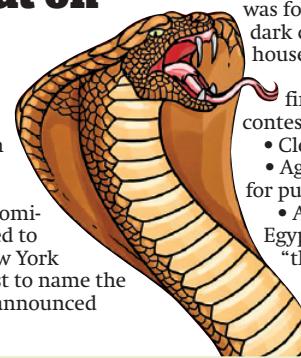


WEIRD NEWS

Now we know what to put on pet collar

The Bronx Zoo cobra that became famous for vanishing has been named Mia, for "missing in action."

More than 33,000 nominations were submitted to the Bronx Zoo and New York Daily News in a contest to name the cobra. The name was announced Thursday.



The venomous Egyptian cobra went missing two weeks ago and quickly became the stuff of legend. Someone even started pretending to be the cobra on Twitter. The animal was found last Thursday in a dark corner of the reptile house.

Also chosen as finalists in the name contest:

- Cleopatra.
- Agnes, which is Greek for pure or holy.
- Amaunet, an ancient Egyptian goddess. It means "the female hidden one."
- Subira, Egyptian for "patient."

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Local tweets



- @fosterd3: Done class for the year! Wahoo!
- #Dalhousie @OhSusannah63: I'm going to be excited to see all the cruise ship make their way into the Halifax harbour, starting with a Disney ship — first time here
- @MrWordsWorth: Halifax is perfumed with burnt toast today. Better than sewage.
- @johnny_sprite: it must be spring, the Halifax Common smells like poo
- @subinup: halifax should beat obesity by eliminating

every alternate #1 bus stop on Spring Garden Road.

► @RichardLann: If anyone in Halifax has lost a black and white rabbit, there's one out underneath my front step on Edinburgh Street ...

► @alexticlea: What do SMU and DAL students have in common? They both applied to DAL! Ba-zinga!

► @CitizenWilliams: Anyone know what they're filming at the Traveler's Inn on the Bedford Hwy? Still filming.

► @jacindamiller: really starting to love living in Halifax, too bad I'm leaving in a week and a half!



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Plot synopsis

Russell Brand is Arthur Bach, the ne're-do-well heir to an enormous fortune. He's a womanizing playboy, a drunk man-child whose nanny (Helen Mirren) describes as "merely shaped like an adult." When he embarrasses his mother she brings down the hammer. Either he straightens up and marries the beautiful but all-business Susan or be disinherited. Trouble is, he's in love with Naomi (Greta Gerwig), a charismatic Grand Central Station tour guide.

Ratings:
Richard: 
Mark: 

Reel Guys

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Russell Brand stars in Arthur, a remake of a Dudley Moore comedy.

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Scene in brief



Lady Gaga will return to this year's MuchMusic Video Awards, two years after stealing the show with a performance that ended with sparks flying from the singer's bustier. This year's bash will be held in Toronto on June 19.

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After success in producing and songwriting, Linda Perry gives performing 2nd try with new band

Arthur 2.0 succeeds

Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of Arthur. Brand does well in remake, but the Reel Guys differ on his love interest Greta Gerwig

Richard Crouse: Mark, "Arthur Redux" isn't an improvement on the original, but it isn't a complete waste of time either. I really think your enjoyment of Arthur, the remake of the 30-year-old Dudley Moore comedy, is in direct ratio to your enjoyment of Russell Brand. His brand of Brit-speak verbal diarrhea works in small doses, the trick here is to see whether audiences will sit through two hours of word-play rivalled only by Charlie Sheen on a crack fuelled Internet rant.

Mark Breslin: I liked the movie. In fact, I really liked it when I saw it in

1980. It is in no way superior to the original, but Russell Brand does pull it off, although with far less subtlety than Dudley Moore. The lines are good if not great, but I thought everybody else in the film paled in comparison. Even the great Helen Mirren was no John Gielgud, and Greta Gerwig still seems like she's the best thing in a student film.

RC: Mirren may not equal Gielgud here, but it's almost worth the price of admission to see her wear a Darth Vader mask. As for Gerwig I honestly think she's the best thing in the movie. She's naturally charismatic and as un-Hol-

lywood an actor as we have in Hollywood films right now. She's quirky, cool and without her the movie wouldn't be nearly as effective. The second half, when it takes a turn for the touching, is better than the "funny" first half and she's responsible for that.

MB: Interesting. It's the second, "serious" half of the movie that didn't work for me. Brand lacks the tragic element that Moore brought, probably because at five-foot-two Dudley looks vulnerable (and infantile) from the start. And not to attack Ms. Gerwig, but I didn't get why Arthur would choose her as a romantic interest above all

others. She wasn't all that wild or even all that Bohemian. I thought Luis Guzman was a far better match, although that would have been a very different movie. Nice to see Nick Nolte, although his extended cameo does not qualify as a comeback vehicle.

RC: Funny how we've spent very little time discussing the star of the movie. Brand can deliver a joke, unfortunately in the first half of the movie he delivers every line like they are all punch lines. Like the character he's playing, he's not as charming as he thinks he is, but he can raise a smile here and there.

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Going to Scream camp

► Despite being one of the new girls in the fourth installment of the horror franchise, Panettiere fits right in

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

Coming in as a new cast member in the fourth installment of a horror franchise, an actress can't feel too great about her chances of seeing the end credits.

But Hayden Panettiere insists that in *Scream 4*, no one is safe. She sat down with Metro to tell us what little she could about the movie.

So what are you allowed to say about the plot of *Scream 4*?

Sidney Prescott comes back to her hometown, and it's the anniversary. Then weird things start happen-

ing, and pranks start being made and (whispering) they come back.

And then a lot of people die. But it's like a giant game of Clue at the same time. Who's the killer? Who's going to die next? It plays off of these rules to the new way of making a horror film. Virgins can die now.

I'm not going to ask you if your character dies.

I know. (laughs) And it's so funny because people come in and they ask it, and then they reword it three or four different ways to try to get it out. But nobody's safe. Anyone can die.

And it's a pretty big cast, too. You've got a lot of people

in there. You would literally run by somebody in the Holiday Inn — that's where we were staying — and you're like, "Hey! What are you doing here? You shooting a movie?" And they're like, "Yeah, *Scream 4*. You?" "Oh ... oh. Me too! Who are you playing?"

What was the atmosphere like at the hotel?

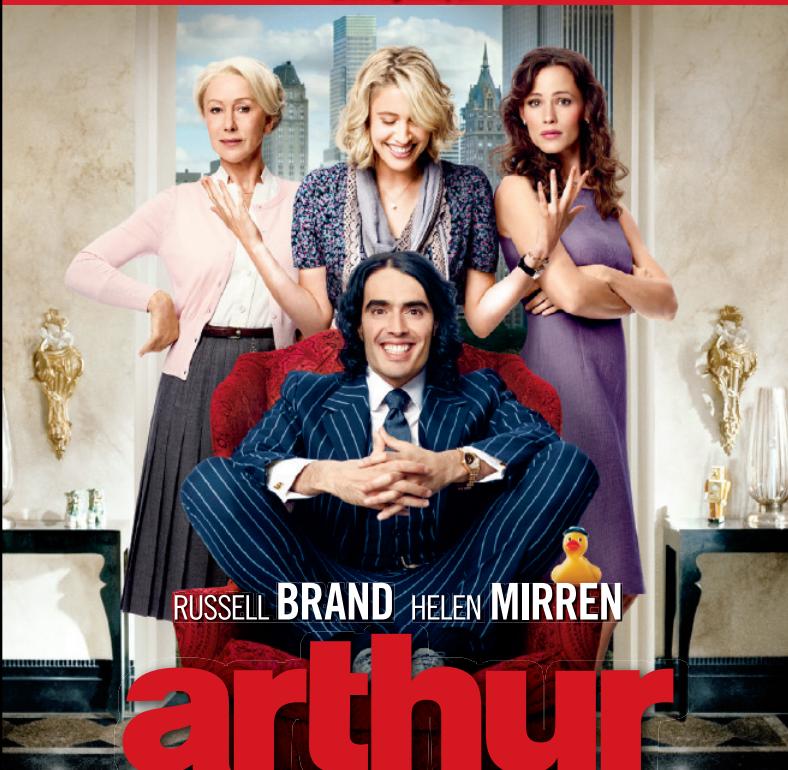
Like camp. It was literally like camp. We had way too much fun. It was barely a movie. They were really welcoming. Like, Neve (Campbell) on the weekends would sometimes rent this big cabin on this big lake and invite the cast and crew out. We had a blast.



► Hayden Panettiere, right, stars in *Scream 4*, which opens next Friday.

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Hanna has style and substance**Hanna**

Genre: Thriller/Action
Director: Joe Wright
Stars: Saoirse Ronan, Cate Blanchett, Eric Bana

Fresh off of a pair of serious costume dramas (Pride And Prejudice and Atonement), British filmmaker Joe Wright re-fashions himself as an action director with Hanna. Wright pulls it off admirably, dishing out high-octane entertainment with the same heightened style driven by impossible steadycam



shots developed in his previous work.

The almost unfairly talented teen actress Saoirse Ronan stars as the daughter of an ex-CIA cop (Eric Bana) trained from birth for a fight to the death with a longtime familial foe from her father's past

(Cate Blanchett). The bulk of the film is dedicated to a chase between Blanchett and Ronan with all of the suspense, gunfights, and endless running montages you'd expect. The performances are uniformly excellent and the plot moves like a bullet.

Born To Be Wild 3D

Genre: Documentary
Director: David Lickley

Director David Lickley creates a series of remarkably immersive images of exotic animals and locations

that are impossible not to be hypnotized by on the overwhelmingly massive IMAX canvas. The focus is on Dr. Birute Galdeka and Dr. Daphne Sheldrick, who rescue and raise orphaned orangutans in

the rainforests of Borneo, and elephants in the Kenyan savannah respectively. It's lightweight, but inspiring subject matter told through extraordinary larger-than-life images.

**Soul Surfer**

Genre: Drama
Director: Sean McNamara
Stars: AnnaSophia Robb, Dennis Quaid and Helen Hunt

When young surfer girl Bethany Hamilton's passion for wave riding was cut short by a tiger shark attack in 2003, it made headlines. She survived of

course, but her arm was completely severed below the joint. Her road to recovery, her spiritual healing and eventual triumphant re-emergence as a champion surfer makes up the narrative of Soul Surfer, a fairly saccharine, faith themed bio-drama that is nonetheless stirring.

**Your Highness**

Genre: Comedy
Director: David Gordon Green
Stars: Danny McBride, James Franco, Natalie Portman

I guess the stoner comedy and the medieval adventure were two genres that were never meant to go together, but you can't

blame longtime collaborators Danny McBride and director David Gordon Green for trying. This certainly isn't a cookie cutter movie. Isolated sequences and gags are wonderfully bizarre, but overall the project feels like a failed experiment.

Jane Eyre

Genre: Drama
Director: Cary Fukunaga
Stars: Mia Wasikowska, Michael Fassbender

Of the films based on Charlotte Bronte's beloved 19th century novel of

madness on the moors, this may be the most realistic. It's bleak, slow and grim, like life in those forbidding stone piles where Jane has spent her sad life. The deadly artifice of society threatens her as much

as her escapes into the harsh natural world outside. Wasikowska isn't up to playing the steel-willed literary heroine and seems mismatched with Fassbender's dark magnetism.

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Mulroney gets his own opera

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Mulroney: The Opera is about to raise shackles in a most entertaining, musical way. It's a bizarre satire that leaves little unsaid.

Rick Miller endured three hours of latex, lip synched to an actual opera singer and took the country's pulse to become this towering Wagnerian anti-hero who was our prime minister.

"I slip under the chin of someone who is almost universally vilified, to find a degree of nuance. I like him more now than I did before," **RICK MILLER**

ture were sown. "He was all doe-eyed about Baie Comeau (Quebec), which was a mill town, an awful place. He had this bright-eyed view of America, a big home away from home," Miller said, adding "A lot of this film is about the delusions of power."

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"He is loved and loathed," Miller said, "Trudeau has more scandals than Mulroney, but you can't just look at the scandals. He won more seats than Trudeau ever won. I can hear him now, 'Maybe there was that Trudeau movie on the CBC, but I got an OPERA!'"

"Look, I've spent several months reading and reviewing and watching and living this story. It's a satire. He comes across as vain and arrogant, but he was vain and arrogant."

The story begins in Mulroney's hometown where the seeds of his political fu-

ture were sown. "He was all doe-eyed about Baie Comeau (Quebec), which was a mill town, an awful place. He had this bright-eyed view of America, a big home away from home," Miller said, adding "A lot of this film is about the delusions of power."

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McCarthy explores people's choices

► Director behind *The Visitor* and *The Station Agent* targeted actor Paul Giamatti to star as a high school wrestling coach in *Win Win*

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► Win Win's writer/director Thomas McCarthy, left, and actor Paul Giamatti.

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Writer/director Thomas McCarthy doesn't strive to make grand statements or produce effects-driven spectacles. Instead his talent lies in the mundane, finding humour and emotion in small stories about real people like *The Station Agent* and *The Visitor*.

On the surface, his latest movie, *Win Win*, is about a small-town wrestling coach and struggling attorney, but through McCarthy's delicate observational humour, it became much more.

"I wrestled in high school and the movie started there," McCarthy told Metro. "I wrote the screenplay with Joe Tiberi, whom I've known since the fourth grade.

"He's a lawyer and we wrestled together, so the main character came out of him and through that I think we explored the choices people make, even good people, in tough times and how we self-regulate. That to me was really interesting because I think as adults we get

away with a lot."

As in his previous movies, Thomas McCarthy wrote *Win Win* with a specific actor in mind: Paul Giamatti.

"There were a couple of directions to go with this casting," explained McCarthy.

"There was the option of a more conventional leading man who is a bit beyond his prime and we considered a couple of actors for that take on the role. But for me, Paul felt right because he naturally brought the heart and humour to it."

McCarthy acted in films himself for years before transitioning into directing and as a result can tailor his movies for actors like few others. As always, McCarthy got some of the best work of his casts' respective careers for *Win Win* and shouldn't find it difficult to land equally talented performers next time.

When asked if he has any other specific actors he plans to create roles for, McCarthy replied, "There are so many, but definitely Meryl Streep. Her name is almost a term for good acting."

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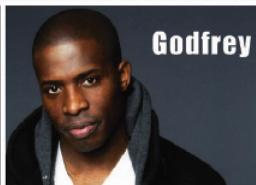
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'A story that we told out of respect'

► **Kennedys** series set to hit Canadian TV Sunday

Canadian actress Kristin Booth says she had no qualms about joining the beleaguered eight-part miniseries *The Kennedys*, even though the Toronto-shot historical drama was mired in political controversy that threatened to shut down production.

The bubbly 36-year-old, who plays Ethel Kennedy, says she simply saw an ambitious period piece with a stellar cast and intriguing subject matter.

Besides, she says, it was a given that the miniseries would have to involve some creative invention.

"When you're trying to tell a story about the relationships of these infamous people — behind the



► Canadian Kristin Booth plays Ethel Kennedy.

closed doors — yes, there are going to be liberties taken," says Booth, noting the Canadian-produced series focuses on the oft-fractured familial relationships.

"But with the actual historical facts, no — there were no liberties taken. And anybody who wants to argue that can pick up one

of the books.... *The Kennedy Men* is a great book and one of the ones that I read during my research and everything that we depict in the miniseries is told in that book."

Booth — whose TV appearances include *The Border* and *Flashpoint* — is well-practised at handling questions about the production's beleaguered history. She's just wrapped a press tour south of the border, where she says partisan views were palpable.

The series debuted on the U.S. network ReelzChannel on April 3, a full week before it is set to hit Canadian airwaves on History Television this Sunday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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► Charlie Sheen is shown in a scene from the CBS comedy, Two and a Half Men.

TV picks

It's all about Oprah on a special two-hour episode of Master Class that focuses on the TV talk diva. Oprah talks about her successes, failures and heartbreaks. (Friday, OWN).

Comic Jeff Foxworthy and billionaire Mark Cuban have joined the judging panel on Shark Tank, the U.S. Dragons' Den clone. They weigh in on product pitches that include a suitcase for fre-



quent flyers with a built-in child's seat attached. (Friday, ABC).

The 2011 Juno Awards, which marked their 40th anniversary this year, are getting a rerun. Rapper Drake, pictured, hosted the show and won kudos for an inspired opening bit with Justin Bieber and Lloyd Robertson. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The guessing game begins for viewers

► TV season ends with major questions: Who will star next in The Office and Two and a Half Men? ► Charlie Sheen and Steve Carell leaving voids

Instability, even unrest. Major changes at the top. Uncertainty for the future.

No, we're not talking about the tumultuous Mideast. We're talking about a pair of popular comedies whose longtime stars have exited with no clear sign of who will replace them.

If you hadn't heard, Charlie Sheen was fired last month from CBS' Two and a Half Men. There will be no more new episodes of Men this season. Meanwhile, the show's producers ponder whether to bring back the show minus Sheen for its ninth season (which seems

With Charlie Sheen as the keystone, Two and a Half Men attracted a weekly audience of nearly 15 million viewers this season.

a no-brainer) and, if they do, which actor to sign who can best fill Sheen's shoes.

Steve Carell, a different sort of fellow who has never once claimed to be a warlock or headlined a Torpedo of Truth concert tour, is departing The Office under much more cordial terms.

As long ago as last spring, Carell was broadly hinting at plans to leave the

NBC comedy after this, its seventh season, to concentrate on movies. Recently he shot his last episode, which will air late this month. And then ... who will take over for Carell's character, dippy Michael Scott, at Dunder Mifflin's Scranton office?

These sort of personnel matters aren't usually what occupy a viewer's mind this time of year.

Any other TV season, attention would be showered on which series will be back next fall and which shows might fall by the wayside.

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Must-see finale?

► Usually at this time of year, fans are preparing to bid farewell to a favourite show reaching the end of a momentous run.

► Last year, for example, the impending finales of 24 and Lost had the audience on tenterhooks, eager to see how those sagas would conclude. The year before, it was ER bowing out after 15 seasons.

► There are no must-see finales this year. (Sure, Smallville will wrap up after 10 seasons. But who knew it was still on anyway?)

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Stress sending Kate back to smokes?

► World's most famous bride-to-be may be feeling the pressure

Kate Middleton is under a lot of stress, as her wedding to Prince William is just three weeks away, and sources say the soon-to-be Royal may be smoking again to cope. "Only Princess Diana could understand the amount of pressure this young girl is experiencing," a source tells *Popeater*. "The fact that she's smoking again isn't helping. She has always enjoyed an occasional cigarette — which suppresses her appetite — and has tried to give it up several times as William hates it. However, as the wedding gets closer and closer, she is smoking more and more."

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► Kate Middleton

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► Britney Spears

Looks like Brit is getting hitched

Britney Spears is getting coy about the future of her relationship with boyfriend Jason Trawick.

"We have such a great time together. He makes me laugh, and we are so comfortable being ourselves," she tells *Us Weekly*. When asked directly if there's a wedding in their

near future, Spears teased, "Maybe. Never say never!"

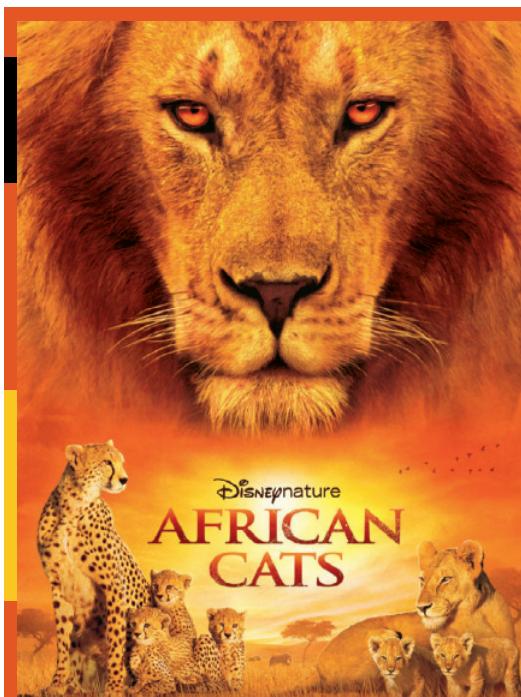
A family friend, however, says it's practically a done deal: "[Jason] was someone she felt she could be her true self with," the source says. "[Marriage] is what they talk about and the direction they're going in." • METRO

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There's a first time for everything and, finally, I got to experience Spain.

While it seems like an obvious place for any respectable wine guy, I never got around to exploring what I discovered was one of the most liquidly lucrative countries on the planet.

The Spanish love vino with an appreciation level that might surpass their counterparts in France and Italy. What excited me was that you'd be hard pressed to find a tapas bar packed with anyone other than wine drinkers.

The city of Logroño, in the province of La Rioja, sold me on the level of Spanish wine appreciation. The city centre is known for its tapas and it was an amazing experience to order a bar's specialty and enjoy it with two dozen like-minded souls.

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The comeback of the food processor

Two new books are giving life to these handy appliances that have been forgotten in many kitchens

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Cupboards are filled with abandoned small appliances that have left their owners perplexed as to how they can be incorporated into everyday use.

One of those appliances is the food processor.

But, two new books are hoping to change that.

The New Food Processor Bible: 30th Anniversary Edition by Norene Gilletz (Whitecap) guides you with recipes and nutritional information to stand up to your processor, and your taste buds.

Meanwhile, 650 Best Food Processor Recipes by George Geary & Judith Finlayson (Robert Rose) includes recipes from appetizers to desserts.

Check out these two recipes adapted from each book.

Traditional Salsa

Preparation:

1 In work bowl fitted with metal blade, pulse

Ingredients:

- 1 onion, cut into quarters
- 1 lb (500 g) Roma (plum) tomatoes, cored, cut in half and seeded
- 2 serrano or jalapeno chiles, halved and seeded
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) loosely packed fresh cilantro leaves
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) lime juice
- 2 tsp (10 mL) sugar
- 1 tsp (5 mL) salt (approx)

onion until finely chopped, 10 to 12 times. Place in a strainer and rinse with water. Drain well. Set aside.

2 In same bowl, pulse tomatoes, chiles and cilantro until desired consistency, 15 to 20 times, stopping and scraping down sides of the bowl once or twice.

3 Add tomato mix to drained onions. Add lime juice, sugar and salt to taste. Let stand for at least 1 hour before serving. **650 BEST FOOD PROCESSOR RECIPES**

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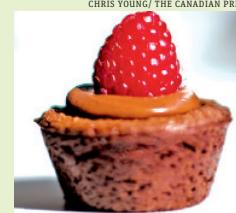
► This recipe makes 2 1/2 cups (625 mL) of salsa.

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Brownie Bites

Preparation:

- 1** Spray miniature muffin pans with non-stick spray; set aside.
- 2** Process margarine, sugars, cocoa, egg, egg white and vanilla until well mixed. Scrape sides of bowl. Add flour and baking powder; process with quick on/off pulses, just until blended.



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- 3** Spoon batter into muffin pans, filling three-quarters full. Bake in 350 F (180 C) oven for 16 minutes or until tops spring back when lightly touched. Let cool and frost or glaze, if desired. **THE NEW FOOD PROCESSOR BIBLE/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) tub margarine
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) packed brown sugar
- 6 tbsp (90 mL) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 egg
- 1 egg white
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) vanilla
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) all purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) baking powder
- Chocolate glaze (optional)

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- 2 Add red peppers to potato mix and stir. In bowl, using fork, beat together eggs and parsley. Pour over potato mix, lifting and stirring eggs into the mix with a spatula. Cover and cook for about 8 minutes or until edges are set and puffed. Sprinkle with feta and olives and broil for about 2 minutes or until knife inserted in centre comes out clean.

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Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
- 3 red potatoes, cubed
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried oregano leaves
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each salt and pepper
- 1 jar (340 mL) roasted red peppers, drained and chopped
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The food revolution will be televised — sort of

► Jamie Oliver not raw after his show meets resistance in L.A. schools

It turns out that Jamie Oliver's revolution won't be televised — at least not from Los Angeles school kitchens.

The second season of the crusading Brit's healthy eating reality show, Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution, started poorly when the city school district barred his cameras, a serious snag for a program that focuses on school lunches. The Los Angeles Unified School District, which previously had a bad experience with an unrelated reality show, more or less treated Oliver as if he was a cast member of Jersey Shore.

"I think we swam into a minefield," Oliver said. "I'm disappointed that I couldn't get in there at all. I'm disappointed that as public servants, they feel they have the right to not be transparent."

But the trouble didn't end with school officials. There are signs in the first episode (airing on ABC on Tuesday) that the people of Los Angeles aren't fully embracing the revolution either. Only a modest crowd comes out to watch Oliver fill a school bus with a week's worth of the sugar added to the flavoured milk served in L.A. schools (actually 57 tons of white sand).

Oliver dejectedly tells the camera: "This is cold-shoulder stuff."

So did L.A. prove too



► The second season of Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution got off to a rocky start.

much for the chef? Hardly.

Oliver remains focused on the multi-national healthy food campaign that has consumed him for more than five years.

"You only have to affect two per cent of the population to make radical change," Oliver said, "and that's what we're talking about, really."

In a TV landscape cluttered with sudden-death cook-offs and flamboyant chefs, Oliver's show has an unusual recipe for success — asking strangers to do

what's good for them.

For the second season of Food Revolution, that entails Oliver jousting with school bureaucrats, trying to help parents and kids make better choices and lobbying for healthier food at a local hamburger joint.

Oliver's L.A. experience stands in contrast to his initial campaign to clean up school lunches in his home country, where his allies included then-prime minister Tony Blair. Oliver suggests the fight was easier there in part because

the British media is more aggressive in shining a light on the dark side of the food industry.

It seemed easier to get a critical mass of British parents fed up.

As for Los Angeles, Oliver acknowledges he also was less effective in the largely Hispanic areas he worked because he does not speak Spanish.

Still, he plans to go back to Los Angeles later this month. He wants to check in with families he worked with. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Teams jostling for MacKinnon

Let the bidding for Nathan MacKinnon begin.

The Baie-Comeau Drakkar won the right on Thursday to pick first overall in June's QMJHL draft, opening the floodgates for other teams to start pitching trade proposals to general manager Steve Ahern.

The Drakkar want to pick MacKinnon, a high-scoring forward from Cole Harbour, but need to convince him to report to Baie-Comeau rather than lose him to the NCAA.

"The only thing for the organization of Baie-



► Nathan MacKinnon

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Comeau is to draft Nathan MacKinnon first," Ahern said.

"The other teams can have the dream of having Nathan play on their

team, but for now we will try everything to have Nathan put on the jersey of Baie-Comeau."

Ahern will be a popular guy leading up to the draft on June 4 in Victoriaville, Que. Halifax Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell, who picks fourth overall, called him shortly after the coin flip on Thursday.

"We're going to pursue Nathan MacKinnon and we're going to try to get that pick," Russell said. "We're going to put together a fair offer."

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Mem. Cup headed to Shawinigan

The Shawinigan Cataractes have won the bid to host the 2012 Memorial Cup.

The Quebec team beat out bids from the Halifax Mooseheads and Cape Breton Screaming Eagles, as well as New Brunswick's Saint John Sea Dogs.

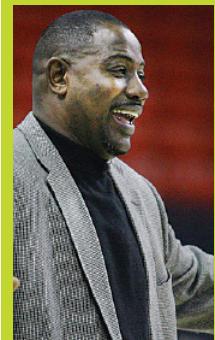
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"We didn't play well, but if you watch that game there was a lot of (stuff) going on ... You know, for me to say anything about the referees ... everyone saw that game. I've been in basketball for a long time, it was too obvious."

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Rainmen trying for finals short-handed

► Rainmen one win away from PBL final, but leading scorer Dollard will be a game-time decision

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The Halifax Rainmen are entering the biggest game in franchise history with their best player badly hobbled.

Head coach Mike Evans said yesterday six-foot-nine forward Josh Dollard, the team's leading scorer, will be a game-time decision for Friday's deciding Game 3 of the Premier Basketball League best-of-three semifinal against the Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry.

Even if Dollard plays through a calf injury that has plagued him since early March, Evans said it will be in a "very, very limited role."

Dollard averages 17.2 points and eight rebounds per game. He missed the final five games of the regular season but appeared in both semifinal games before aggravating the injury on Wednesday.

"We're not uncomfortable playing without Josh," Evans said. "Sometimes that's the benefit of your best player getting hurt. Other players learn to step up and be effective."

The Rainmen got a huge confidence boost on Wednesday when they ended the Cavalry's 33-game home winning streak. Now, they're a win away from their first appearance in the PBL final.

"We are a resilient group of guys," Evans said. "We have overcome quite a bit this year. I don't see any reason why we won't win another game here on Friday."



► Rainmen centre DeAndre Thomas will be relied on to fill the hole left by the injured Josh Dollard.

Cavalry lose their advantage

The Halifax Rainmen won't have the benefit of playing Game 3 at home, but technically neither

will the Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Cavalry have been forced out of Great Plains Coliseum — where they won 33 straight before Wednesday's loss to the Rainmen — and into nearby Cameron University's Aggie Gym.

"It takes you away from your home court, where you're comfortable playing, so it's not much of a home-court advantage in that sense," said Rainmen head coach Mike Evans.

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Where to watch

If you want to watch Friday night's Rainmen-Cavalry game online, the Cavalry broadcast starts at 9:05 p.m. and can be accessed at atsportstv.com.



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► Mike Weir follows the path of his ball on the sixth fairway.

A strong start

► Rising golf star Rory McIlroy off and running again at a major, but can he keep it going?



► Tiger Woods puts on the 18th green.

On the links

How a few top golfers did on the opening day of the Masters in Augusta, Ga.

- **Rory McIlroy**, 21, surged to the top of the Masters in early play with a 7-under 65 Thursday.
- **Alvaro Quiros** birdied the final two holes under darkening skies to match McIlroy at 7-under.
- **McIlroy and Quiros** had a two-shot lead over a pair of South Koreans, former PGA champion Y.E. Yang and K.J. Choi.
- **Mike Weir** may not make it to the end of the tournament. The former Masters champion stumbled with an opening round 4-over 76.
- **Tiger Woods** wasn't anywhere near the lead, but at least he wasn't totally out of it. Mired in the longest winless streak of his career, he finished with a 1-under 71. The top Americans on the leaderboard were Matt Kuchar and Ricky Barnes at 68.

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What's wrong with the Red Sox?

The deliveryman unloaded cases of beer from his truck just outside Fenway Park. A worker cleared the dust and litter just inside Gate D with a high-powered vacuum.

The historic home of the Boston Red Sox was just about ready for its 100th opener on Friday.

The team needs plenty of work.

The high-priced Red Sox were a popular pick to win the World Series. So far they've lost every game, six in a row, their worst start in

66 years. The team batting average is .181. The earned-run average is 7.13.

But even with the rival New York Yankees coming in for a three-game series, signs of panic seem as rare as a Red Sox rally.

"We're going to score a lot of runs," said Jon Lester, who pitched seven shutout innings in Thursday's 1-0 loss to the Cleveland Indians. "It's just a matter of time."

For the Red Sox, the pressure is building to get that first win, especially

with Saturday's and Sunday's games against the Yankees on national television. But they'll have the advantage of playing before their own fans, a full house that is sure to cheer loudly during pre-game introductions. Their reaction might be different if starter John Lackey struggles.

"There's not two Red Sox teams. There's only one," designated hitter David Ortiz said. "You gotta cheer for this one if you are a Red Sox fan, right?"

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► Jeff Stoughton looks on as China struggles to place its shot.

Quick draw

► Canadian skip likes to bring early pressure against rival rinks

It's been Jeff Stoughton's trademark at the Ford World Curling Championship to get an early lead and relentlessly defend it.

The stellar execution of that strategy resulted in Canada's first-place finish Thursday among the 12 countries in the preliminary round.

Stoughton, third Jon Mead, second Reid Carruthers and lead Steve Gould intend to keep pressuring the opposition right from the first rocks thrown as they head into the playoffs.

Canada should be able to do that Friday against Scotland's Tom Brewster because the host team's reward for finishing first is starting the game with last-rock advantage.

High stakes

The winner of Friday's game between the top two seeds advances directly to Sunday's championship game.

"Hopefully we can score some points right off the hop, because that seems to be working really well for us," Stoughton said. "We're not going to change it for tomorrow's game."

Heading into its final draw Thursday night versus Norway, Canada had outscored the opposition 46-24 over the first five ends and trailed at the halfway point in only two games.

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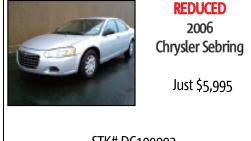


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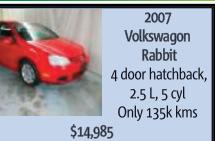
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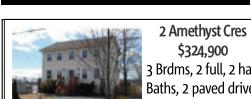
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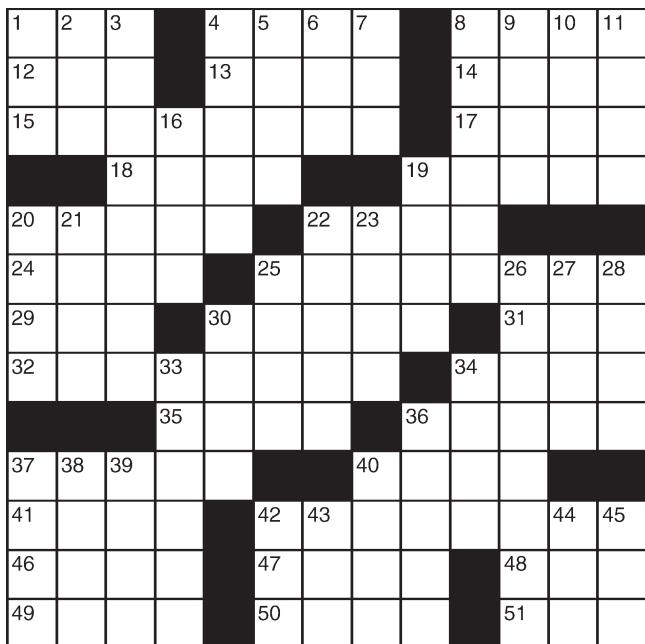
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Across

1 Type measures
4 Stupor
8 MRI forerunner
12 Greet the villain
13 Destroy
14 Verdi opera
15 Refuses to buy
17 Tide type
18 Vivacity, in music
19 Soothing agents
20 Baseball-shoe feature
22 Tater
24 Wander
25 Having a porous texture
29 Grecian vessel
30 Wooden peg
31 Sapporo sash
32 In the cards
34 Goes platinum?
35 -friendly
36 Speechify
37 One of the sales staff
40 Two-way
41 Big branch
42 Video-game control
46 Met melody
47 Meara or Rice
48 That girl
49 Caution
50 Rod attachment
51 Stannum

Down

1 Recede
2 Cattle call?
3 Tofu makings
4 Legal claim
5 Car
6 Pimple



7 Halves of 1-Across
8 Citizen Kane's estate
9 Cambodian money
10 Leading man?
11 Kennel cries
16 Pull an all-nighter
19 Nonsense
20 Gunk stuff
21 Traditional tales
22 Waste conduit
23 Begged
25 Scoop holder
26 Political stalwart
27 Lend a sly hand
28 Obey reveille
30 Platter

Today's horoscope



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Aries March 21-April 20 Find your voice and make sure others know what you expect.

Taurus April 21-May 21 Find reasons to work with others and resist the urge to fault with the things that they do.

Gemini May 22-June 21 Don't waste precious time and energy trying to convert people to your point of view.

Cancer June 22-July 22 Your chances of success will increase if you're clear on what you're hoping to achieve.

Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Live in the moment and look for the best both in yourself and in others.

Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 What occurs over the next day will remind you subtlety is more powerful than brute strength.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you want to get your message across, you will have to spell it out in simple language.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Stop treating work as a battle to be won or lost. Relax into a more balanced viewpoint.

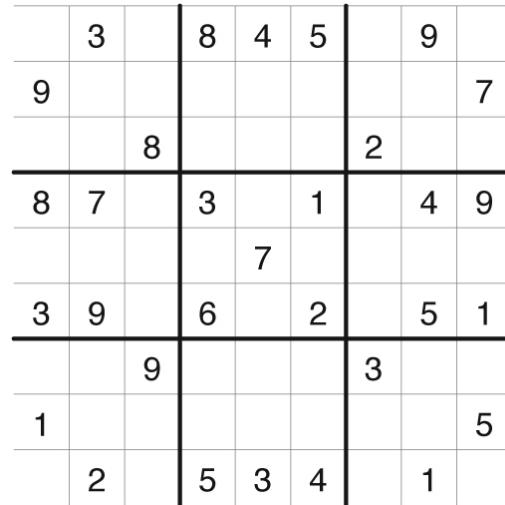
Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Good news will land in your inbox. Most likely, it will be something very unexpected.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You can try to give a friend some good advice today, but most likely they won't listen.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Your carefree attitude will attract all sorts of people today.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 A loved one has been telling you one thing and doing the opposite. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Sudoku



► Yesterday's answer



How to play

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Yesterday's answer ►



Today



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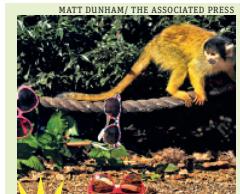


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